

Triangle Bible Study

Lesson 7: Judges 7-8

Warmup

- What is something helpful you learned from the Judges 7-8 lecture?

Day 1: Read Judges 7:1-8, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Psalm 20:7 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

1. According to v. 2, why did God tell Gideon that his army was too big? How was Gideon's army shrunk in size prior to facing the Midianites?
2. Why was it important for Israel not to boast in their own strength? Why is it important that you not boast in your own strength?
3. What do you learn about boasting from the verses below?
 - Jeremiah 9:23-24
 - Psalm 20:7

Day 2: Read Judges 7:9-15, Psalm 94:18-19, Matthew 6:31-34, Romans 8:28 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

4. What did the Lord instruct Gideon to do and how did Gideon's obedience to God's command bring encouragement to him?
5. How are you encouraged by today's passage and the following cross references?
 - Psalm 94:18-19
 - Matthew 6:31-34
 - Romans 8:28

6. Describe a recent time in your life when God encouraged you.

Day 3: Read Judges 7:16-25 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. What did Gideon say to his troops prior to their attack on the Midianites? (Hint: Look for quotation marks recording Gideon's actual words to the 300 soldiers)
8. How did Gideon show good leadership qualities before his army of men? What is something demonstrated by Gideon that you can use in your life?
9. Write down Gideon's key to victory over Midian.

Day 4: Read Judges 8:1-3 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. The Israelite tribe of Ephraim was critical of Gideon because he left the majority for "clean-up" duty in their battle against Midian. How did Gideon respond to their criticism, and how did it affect their attitude toward him?
11. When have you received unjustified criticism after accomplishing a successful task or assignment? Why is it so difficult to receive criticism from another?
12. What do you learn from the way Gideon answered his own people, the Ephraimites?

Day 5: Read Judges 8:4-21 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

13. How did Gideon respond to the men of Succoth and Peniel when they refused to offer Gideon's 300 soldiers anything to eat?
14. Once Gideon and his army tracked them down, what was the fate of the two Midianite kings, Zebah and Zalmunna? Why did Gideon treat them so harshly?
15. What is something from today's reading that you can apply to your life?

Day 6: Read Judges 8:22-35 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

16. How did Gideon answer the Israelites upon hearing they wanted him to rule over them? What do you learn about Gideon's character from his response?
17. What did Gideon do with the items he received as tokens of appreciation from the Israelites? How did this action ultimately become a snare to Gideon and his family?
18. What was Gideon's legacy? What happened to Israel after Gideon's death?